

### Sample Packaging and Handling

Filled sample bottles were capped and sealed with cellophane tape. All sample bottles were wrapped in bubble-pack and placed inside two 4-mil plastic bags. These protective bags containing the samples were then sealed with strapping tape and then placed inside the sample shipping containers (i.e., ice coolers). Crushed ice was placed inside two zip-loc bags, and each zip-loc bag layer was sealed using strapping tape. Two ice packs were placed in each sample cooler. Bubble-pack was used to fill up the empty space in the cooler and to act as a shock absorbent during shipping.

All sampling data (date and time of collection, sampling station, field measurements, etc.), which had previously been recorded in a field note book transferred to the appropriate field documentation form(s). Samples were accompanied by Region X Field Sample Data Sheets, Chain-of-Custody forms, CLP Traffic Report Forms, and any other pertinent shipping/sampling documentation information. These forms were placed in a ziplock bag and taped to the inside of the ice chest.

Each cooler, containing the samples and the appropriate documentation, was then sealed with fiberglass strapping tape. Chain-of-Custody seals were placed across the front and back of the lid of all shipping coolers after the coolers had been filled. All packaging conformed to the requirements of the National Enforcement Investigation Center.

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